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LONGDENDALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Medical Officer's Report for the year ending December 31st 1954.

To The Chairman and Members of  
the District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1954 and which consists mainly of statistical figures with relative information as and where this appertains to any material change from previous years.

POPULATION.

Registrar General's estimate for 1954 is 4450.

BIRTHS. There were 70 live births during 1954. Of these 38 were males, and 32 females. 85% were born in Maternity Institutions or Hospitals.

One illegitimate child is included in the above total.

The Crude Birth Rate was 15.5 per 1000, compared with 14.6 per 1000 for 1953.

The Birth Rate adjusted for comparative purposes with other areas was 17.5 compared with a figure of 15.2 for the country as a whole.

One Still Birth was registered.

DEATHS. The number of deaths during 1954 was 64. Of these 29 were males and 35 females.

The Crude Death Rate was 14.4 per 1000 compared with 14.1 per 1000 for 1953.

The Death Rate adjusted for comparative purposes with other areas was 10.9 compared with a figure of 11.3 for the country as a whole.

The principal causes of death are as follows:-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Coronary Disease of Heart.....	4	3	7
Other Diseases of Heart.....	5	8	13
Diseases of Blood Vessels.....	7	8	15
Cancer.....	3	7	10
Bronchitis.....	2	1	3
Pneumonia.....	1	1	2
Ulcer of Stomach.....	1	1	2
Congenital Discase of Infants.....	-	1	1
Other Diseases.....	6	5	11
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	29	35	64
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INFANT MORTALITY.

There was 1 death among infants under 1 year of age, revealing an Infant Mortality Rate of 14.3 per 1000 births, compared with a rate of 25.5 for the whole country.

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

No deaths occurred as the result of pregnancy.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Measles.....	24
Whooping Cough.....	-
Scarlet Fever.....	3
Chicken-Pox.....	57
Erysipelas.....	2
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	1

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

Specimens taken from patients for various bacteriological tests by family practitioners are sent to the National Health Laboratory at Monsall Hospital, Manchester. Reports upon such specimens are sent to the patient's own doctor, and a copy of same is forwarded to the Health Office.

The duty for the examination of milk supplies rests with the County Council and during the year under review, 4 samples of milk were obtained and submitted for examination for the presence of Bovine Tuberculosis, one of which proved positive T.B. on biological test.

TUBERCULOSIS.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
The number of cases on the register on 31/12/53 was	- 12	10
The number of cases added to register during 1954 was	- 3	5
The number of cases removed from register during 1954 was	- 1	4
The number of cases remaining on register on 31/12/54 was	- 14	11

CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN. (Service under County Council Administration).

Hollingworth Clinic.

Improvements to the entrance comprising fencing and approach have been completed during the year.

The deterioration of the interior wall surface previously reported has not so far been remedied.

Dampness in the infants' food store has been remedied by installing an electric tubular heater and better means of ventilation.

A weekly Ante-natal Clinic is held following a School-child Nurse's session each Tuesday afternoon.

One session per month is devoted to immunisation and which is undertaken by the Divisional Medical Officer.

(Hollingworth Clinic - ctd.)

Child Welfare Sessions were held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month throughout the year - a local medical practitioner and Health Visitor being in attendance.

<u>New Cases.</u>	<u>Total Attendances.</u>	<u>Average Attendance.</u>	<u>Seen by Doctor.</u>
45	1712	63	340

The M. & C.W. Clinic held in the Methodist Church School, Broadbottom, was open on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoon each month. A local medical practitioner and Health Visitor attend to give advice on child care and to carry out immunisation.

<u>New Cases.</u>	<u>Total Attendances.</u>	<u>Average Attendance.</u>	<u>Seen by Doctor.</u>
28	706	32	174

WELFARE FOOD DISTRIBUTION.

Following the discontinuance by the Ministry of Food of the distribution of Welfare Foods, i.e. National Dried Milk, Orange Juice, Cod Liver Oil and Vitamins - arrangements were made for this service to be administered by the Divisional Health Committee from the 1st July. Supplies of these commodities are available at Hollingworth and Broadbottom Clinic sessions and also at the Mottram Court Room on one afternoon weekly.

The assistance given by voluntary helpers in the clinics in this work is much appreciated.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The area is covered by the Hyde Health Division for general, accident and infectious cases, the number conveyed being 2156; this is an increase of 198 on the number conveyed during 1953. The majority of patients were conveyed to the Ashton Group of Hospitals.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME.

One full-time Domiciliary Nurse attended 101 patients in Mottram and Broadbottom upon 2720 occasions.

The Hollingworth district is served by a Nurse whose duties also include cases resident in Tintwistle - 125 patients having been visited upon 3437 occasions. (Separate figures for Hollingworth residents are not readily available).

Due to the scattered area allocated to this particular nurse, she uses her own motor-car for which she is reimbursed on a mileage basis for all official journeys connected with her nursing duties.

Nursing requisites are stored at private addresses in Mottram and Broadbottom and at the M. & C.W. Centre at Hollingworth. The requisites such as back-rests, bed-pans, etc. are available on loan from the stores by application to either of these nurses.

MIDWIFERY.

One midwife allocated to the district attended the 23 cases in which the birth took place in the homes of the patients. The trend for childbirth to take place in maternity institutions is revealed by the fact that 21 of the notified births took place in Hospitals and 30 in Maternity Homes in Hyde and Glossop.

Facilities are available at the Hollingworth M. & C.W. Centre for the midwife to carry out examinations of her patients prior to confinement. Mrs. Hall resident County Midwife resigned on the 31st October 1954 after many years



service in the area, and owing to difficulties in filling the vacancy, home confinements have been undertaken by midwives resident in Stalybridge. Applications by the County Council for a Council house to enable a replacement for Mrs. Hall to live in this district have unfortunately so far met with no success.

HEALTH VISITING.

One Health Visitor supervises the welfare of infants, young children, expectant mothers and nursing mothers by paying visits to the homes and attending at the Clinics. Visits to cases of Tuberculosis for Care and After-Care purposes, and to any aged and infirm persons in need of attention, also form part of her duties.

The number and types of visits paid to the homes in Longdendale and Tintwistle are as under

<u>Expectant</u> <u>Mothers.</u>	<u>Children</u> <u>under five.</u>	<u>School</u> <u>Children.</u>	<u>Re Home</u> <u>Helps.</u>	<u>T.B.</u>	<u>Mental</u> <u>Cases.</u>	<u>Aged</u> <u>Persons</u>	<u>Other</u>
214	3659	103	38	82	11	249	227

The Health Visitor possesses a motor-car which she uses for her work and for which expense she is reimbursed according to the mileage covered.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

The report of your Sanitary Inspector has been submitted to me and is attached for your consideration and approval.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

F.W.C.BROWN

Medical Officer of Health.

Municipal Buildings,  
Greenfield Street,  
HYDE.

July, 1955.

FWCB/AB.

LONGDEDALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Sanitary Inspector's Report for the year ended 31st December 1954.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my report for the year 1954.

BUILDING PROGRESS.

Houses	-	Private dwellings	1
		Council houses	18
		Extensions	4
Other	-	New erections	16
		Extensions or alterations	3
Change of use from house and shop to one house and house and shop			1

HOUSING STATISTICS.

1. Number of houses which on inspection were  
considered unfit for human habitation :

a) Houses inspected for defects in year	51		
b) Total visits for this purpose	79		
c) (i) Unfit houses found in year		48	
(ii) Unfit houses from 1953		<u>34</u>	82
2. Result of informal action by the Council  
or Officers :

a) Houses made fit during the year		59	
b) Houses still unfit at end of year		<u>15</u>	74
3. Representations made to Council with a  
view to service of notices requiring  
execution of works :

a) Number made in year	2		
b) Number of notices served			
(i) During year	2 re 3 houses		
(ii) From 1953	4 re 5 ..		
c) (i) Houses made fit after formal notice		6	
(ii) Houses still unfit at end of year after service of formal notice		<u>2</u>	8
4. Representations made to Council with a view  
to making demolition or closing orders:

a) Number made in year	Nil
b) Number of demolition or closing orders made	Nil
c) Number of houses on which undertakings were accepted	Nil
d) Number of houses demolished	Nil

NOTICES, etc.

Statutory Notices served	6
Informal Notices served	73
Nuisances abated with or without notice	214

### WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply to the District is not treated in any way but the samples taken have proved satisfactory. The yield from the springs has, for the most part, been sufficient to meet the needs of the District although there have been periods when it has been necessary to use water from the Arnfield Brook.

The supply in Mottram and Broadbottom, especially to the higher points, continues to be a matter of concern when bursts reduce the pressure in the mains.

Twenty-one properties have been connected to the Council's supply during the year.

Six premises are served by a common standpipe.

There are some 160 dwellings - 9% of the total - dependent upon water from private supplies, and about 120 of these houses are permanently occupied. A supply to fourteen premises at Hattersley was inadequate but had not been improved by the end of the year.

Supply	1000 gallons per day			Served		Gallons per head per day
	Total	Business	Domestic	Houses	Population	
Hollingworth	54.21	6.80	47.41	734	1883	25.18
Mottram and Broadbottom	38.46	5.27	33.19	919	2294	14.90
	92.67	12.07	80.60	1653	4177	19.29

### SCAVENGING.

Refuse from the District is disposed of by tipping in a hollow off Broadbottom Road which is filling up rapidly. No site has yet been acquired on which tipping can be done when the present tip is full. Most refuse is removed weekly but in some places it is only done every other week. The total abolition of pail closets which are cleared weekly but which serve over 40% of the District would enable all refuse to be collected every week.

Labour and transport for this service are supplied by the Engineer and Surveyor.

Thirty five pails and sixty two dustbins have been supplied by the Council on orders from owners to whom accounts have been charged.

### SEWERAGE.

Sewerage is treated at both Hollingworth and Broadbottom outfalls but as previously stated about 40% of the houses in the district are served by pail closets.

The Council grant up to £8 per conversion for voluntary conversion to Fresh Water Closets and 14 such conversions have been made in the year. In addition 28 fresh closet connections were made of which 20 were in respect of new houses.



The approximate sanitary statistics of the District are :-

	1 Houses	9	5	3 Other	1 Houses	9	5	4 Other
Estimated population	(4450)				(4503)			
Separate Dwellings	1794				1814			
Pail Closets	647			30	631			30
Ashbins	1481			39	1501			39
W.W.Closets	46				46			
F.W.Closets	1006			146	1048			152
F.W.Trough Closets				12				
Hand Flush Closets	9				9			
Baths	587			7	625			7

#### RODENT CONTROL.

Fifty five infestations were dealt with in the year. 364 properties were inspected and the total visits including old infestations from last year cleared in the current year were 658.

The annual 10% test bait of the council's two sewerage systems followed by two treatments was made.

#### MEAT, MILK and other FOODS.

There has been no formal seizure of food unfit for human consumption but a very small amount has been voluntarily surrendered by shopkeepers on these grounds.

Meat - In July centralised slaughtering of animals by the Ministry of Food came to an end and the responsibility for seeing that there was adequate slaughtering accommodation to cover the needs of the district was passed to the Council.

The three slaughterhouses still licensed were considered adequate but in practice only four of the eight butchers kill animals in the District.

#### CATTLE INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle excluding cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed	182	58	11	1105	122
Number inspected	176	57	11	1086	120
All Diseases excluding Tuberculosis					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	26	8	-	67	2
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	14.77	14.03	-	6.17	1.66
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcasses condemned	1	2	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	30	21	-	-	1
Percentage of Number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	17.1	40.35	-	-	.83

It has been possible to examine over 98% of the animals slain in the district for human consumption.

- ctd. over -

Ice-Cream - The premises licensed in respect of ice cream are only used to deal in pre-packed goods purchased wholesale. All premises are satisfactory and no action has been taken under the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations.

Milk - At the end of the year the current registrations under the various regulations were :-

Dairies - 2 .  
 Distributors - 13 (2 using the dairies above, 9 shopkeepers (selling bottled milk, 2 with premises (outside the District  
 Sterilised Milk - ... Dealers 13 ... Supplementary 1  
 Pastourised " - ... " 5 ... " 1  
 Tuberculin Tested - ... " 4 ... " 1

No action has been taken under part VII of the Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949.

Of the 49 farms in the District, 34 produce milk for sale, 7 produce milk for use in connection with other stock and 8 are either vacant or not keeping milch cows.

Analysis of Food Premises

	Number	Registration (if any)			
		Sec.14 FDA		Milk & Dairies	
		Ice-Cream	Preserved Food	Distributer	Dairies
Chip Potatoes, Fried Fish	4		4		
Butchers	8		6		
Manufacturing bakery, Grocery, Sweets )	10	3	6	2	
Grocery, Sweets, Greengrocery	11	2		3	
Grocery, Sweets	11	2		4	
Sweets	6	4			
Greengrocery	4				
Greengrocery, Fish	5				
Retail Bakery, Grocery, Sweets	1	1			
Public Houses	16				
Clubs selling drinks	5				
Factory and School Canteens	5				
Snack Bar	2	1			
Cinema	1				
Hostel	1				
Cafe	1				
Dairies	2			2	2
	93	13	16	11	2

There have been 43 visits of inspection to premises registered under Sec.14 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, and 118 to other food premises excluding dairies.

LICENSED SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

There are three licensed slaughterhouses. All are situated in Hollingworth and are in regular use.

Knackers Yard

A portion of Hyde Brook Works is licensed for use as a Knackers Yard.



OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Fat extraction and associated industries are carried on at Hyde Brook Works.

Disinfection and Disinfestation

There have been 17 inspections and visits connected with disinfection due to illness and disinfestation other than rodents.

FACTORIES.

There are 22 factories on the register and 47 visits were made.

In two cases sanitary accommodation was unsatisfactory and both were remedied after the service of informal notices.

Workplaces

There are about 39 offices and workplaces and those inspected have been found satisfactory.

The Officials and Staff of the Council have been most co-operative on all occasions and I thank them for their assistance.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

ARNOLD SWINDELLS

Sanitary Inspector.

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4, Broadbottom Road,  
MOTTRAM.

July, 1955.

